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TITLE: Apparatus and method for processing and/or for providing healthcare information and/or healthcare-related information

Detailed Description Text (87):

In another preferred embodiment, the apparatus and method of the present invention can be utilized to ensure that a proper treatment and/or procedure is performed on the patient. Referring once again to FIGS. 7A and 7B and the above description of same, the present invention can be utilized to ensure that a subsequent treatment and/or treatments are performed as prescribed. As noted above with reference to FIG. 6 and, in particular, a final diagnosis and prescribed treatment is stored in the patient's file or records in the database 10H of the central processing computer. When the patient seeks treatment from a subsequent medical doctor, surgeon, or other healthcare professional, the medical doctor, surgeon, or other healthcare professional, can access the central processing computer 10 at the time of treatment, access the patient's medical history and prescribed treatment plan and assess same in order to make sure that the treatment to be provided is called for in the prescribed treatment. In this manner, the present invention can be utilized in order to prevent medical and/or surgical mistakes, mishaps and/or other instances when improper treatment could occur. It is also envisioned that the subsequent care medical doctor, surgeon, or other healthcare professional, could also re-evaluate the patient's condition and/or records and seek additional assistance and/or perform a separate and independent assessment and/or diagnosis of the patient. In any event, the present invention can provide the subsequent care medical doctor, surgeon, or other healthcare professional, with the patient's complete medical history, information, past diagnoses and/or past treatments and/or prescriptions. In this manner, a subsequent care provider can be provided with as complete and as up to date information as possible in order to administer treatment.

Detailed Description Text (173):

In addition to any and/or all of the preferred embodiments described herein, the present invention can also be utilized in other preferred embodiments so as to incorporate, so as to improve upon, and/or so as to utilize, various teachings of the prior art. In this regard, Applicant hereby incorporates by reference herein the subject matter of the following U.S. Patents: U.S. Pat. No. 5,988,851 which teaches a medical treatment and/or diagnostic system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,974,124 which teaches a methods and system aiding medical diagnosis and treatment; U.S. Pat. No. 5,961,448 which teaches a virtual medical instrument for performing medical diagnostic testing on patients; U.S. Pat. No. 5,957,854 which teaches a wireless medical diagnosis and monitoring equipment; U.S. Pat. No. 5,954,641 which teaches a method, apparatus and operating system for managing the administration of medication and medical treatment regimens; U.S. Pat. No. 5,935,060 which teaches a computerized medical diagnostic and treatment advice system including list based processing; U.S. Pat. No. 5,910,107 which teaches a computerized medical diagnostic and treatment advice method; U.S. Pat. No. 5,899,857 which teaches a medical treatment method with scanner input; U.S. Pat. No. 5,895,354 which teaches an integrated medical diagnostic center; U.S. Pat. No. 5,878,746 which teaches a

computerized medical diagnostic system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,876,351 which teaches a portable modular diagnostic medical device; U.S. Pat. No. 5,868,669 which teaches a computerized medical diagnostic and treatment advice system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,862,803 which teaches a wireless medical diagnosis and monitoring system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,839,438 which teaches a computer-based neural network system and method for medical diagnosis and interpretation; U.S. Pat. No. 5,807,256 which teaches a medical information processing system for supporting diagnosis; U.S. Pat. No. 5,807,246 which a display device in medical examination and treatment system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,801,755 which teaches an interactive communication system for medical treatment of remotely located patients; U.S. Pat. No. 5,797,901 which teaches an automatic activation system for a medical diagnostic monitoring and surgical apparatus and method therefore; U.S. Pat. No. 5,779,634 which teaches a medical information processing system for supporting diagnosis; U.S. Pat. No. 5,776,057 which teaches a virtual medical instrument for performing medical diagnostic testing on patients; U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,334 which teaches an apparatus for computer aided diagnosis of medical images having abnormal patterns; U.S. Pat. No. 5,724,968 which teaches a computerized medical diagnostic system including meta function; U.S. Pat. No. 5,666,953 which teaches a system and associated method for providing information for use in forming medical diagnosis; U.S. Pat. No. 5,660,176 which teaches a computerized medical diagnostic and treatment-advice system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,594,638 which teaches a computerized medical diagnostic system including re-enter function and sensitivity factors; U.S. Pat. No. 5,583,758 which teaches a health care management system for managing medical treatments and comparing user-proposed and recommended resources required for treatment; U.S. Pat. No. 5,551,436 which teaches a medical diagnosis system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,544,651 which teaches a medical system and associated method for automatic treatment; U.S. Pat. No. 5,437,278 which teaches medical diagnosis system and method; U.S. Pat. No. 5,415,167 which teaches a medical system and associated method for automatic diagnosis and treatment; U.S. Pat. No. 5,360,005 which teaches a medical diagnosis device for sensing cardiac activity and blood flow; U.S. Pat. No. 5,331,550 which teaches an application of neural networks as an aid in medical diagnosis and general anomaly detection; U.S. Pat. No. 5,324,077 which teaches a medical data draft for tracking and evaluating medical treatment; U.S. Pat. No. 5,305,748 which teaches a medical diagnostic system and related method; U.S. Pat. No. 5,279,294 which teaches a medical diagnostic system; U.S. Pat. No. 5,255,187 which teaches a computer aided medical diagnostic method and apparatus; U.S. Pat. No. 5,235,510 which teaches a computer-aided diagnosis system for medical use; U.S. Pat. No. 5,090,417 which teaches a medical diagnostic apparatus; U.S. Pat. No. 4,733,354 which teaches a method and apparatus for automated medical diagnosis using decision tree analysis; U.S. Pat. No. 4,731,725 which teaches a data processing system which suggests a pattern of medical tests to reduce the number of tests necessary to confirm or deny a diagnosis; U.S. Pat. No. 4,674,512 which teaches a medical electrode for monitoring and diagnostic use; U.S. Pat. No. 4,674,108 which teaches a digital X-ray medical diagnostic apparatus; U.S. Pat. No. 4,641,659 which teaches a medical diagnostic microwave scanning apparatus; U.S. Pat. No. 4,290,114 which teaches a medical diagnostic computer; U.S. Pat. No. 4,251,850 which teaches a control desk for medical apparatus, in particular for an x-ray diagnostic apparatus; U.S. Pat. No. 4,242,911 which teaches an ultrasonic medical diagnostic apparatus and method; U.S. Pat. No. 4,235,454 which teaches a stabilization system for a medical diagnostic device; U.S. Pat. No. 4,209,022 which teaches an echography apparatus for medical diagnosis, using a multiple-element probe; U.S. Pat. No. 4,170,987 which teaches a medical diagnosis system and method with multispectral imaging; U.S. Pat. No. 4,110,723 which teaches an ultrasonic apparatus for medical diagnosis; and U.S. Pat. No. 3,978,850 which teaches medical diagnostic instruments.

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